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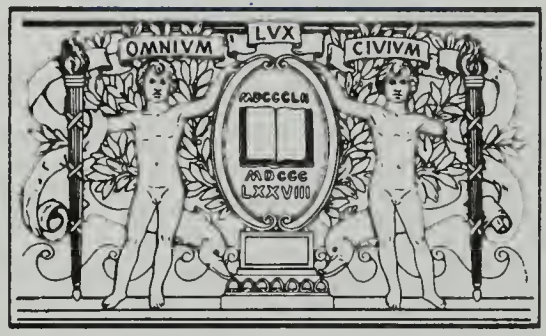

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Warren Chambers.

This building now being constructed on the north side of Boylston Street, near Berkeley Street, Boston, has been designed to meet the requirements of members of the medical profession who have essentially an office practice; doctors, dentists, oculists, aurists and others may there secure for a moderate rental, suites of rooms suitably arranged for their uses, supplied with every necessary convenience, well lighted, thoroughly heated and ventilated, and cared for by competent service.

The general plan, as shown on Plate D, is to divide the floor space into suites of two and three rooms, a lavatory, with hot and cold water and other conveniences, opening from each room which is designed for an office or operating-room. The building will be furnished throughout with electric lights, and each room will have a separate wire to supply electricity for use in surgery or dentistry. The outside rooms will have open fire-places, and the entire building is to be heated by hot water, on the indirect-direct system. By this system a current of fresh air, drawn from without, passes through a radiator placed under the window-sill, and enters the room at any temperature desired.

Plate F shows the only fixed partitions above the second floor—a special arrangement of floor space to meet the requirements of tenants can thus be readily made while the building is being constructed.

The building has a frontage of 64 feet on Boylston Street, and a depth of 90 feet to a passage-way in the rear. It will be eight stories in height, and of the most approved fire-proof construction. The frontage of the first three stories will be of white marble with bronze trimmings, an imposing entrance and vestibule, extending to the third floor, being the central feature. The other five stories will be of dark red brick with white marble trimmings, the general effect being a warm, rich tone which will be most attractive.

Beyond the vestibule will be the staircase hall, beautifully finished in colored marbles, with bronze doors opening to the stores on either side. Opposite the marble staircase will be the entrance to the elevators, while between the staircase and the elevators will be the entrance and show windows of the store in the rear, which is to be occupied by one of the leading opticians.

The first floor will have, beside the entrance and staircase hall, two large stores extending the entire length of the building and one smaller store in the rear of the entrance hall, all having well lighted basements. It is the intention to have the stores occupied by pharmacists, surgical instrument makers, opticians and others who supply the needs of the medical profession.

Above the first floor the halls will be finished in marbles and bronze, the doors of dark mahogany. There will be no wood-work in the rooms except the doors and window-frames; the architraves, bases and dadoes are to be of Keene cement; the partitions of hollow tile deadened to all sound; the walls and ceilings will be painted in oil colors, tinted to suit occupants, thus rendering it possible to wash down the whole interior of a room whenever necessary, while danger from fire is practically eliminated. Ample light-wells will allow of windows opening on to the staircase and elevator shafts, securing light and air in abundance.

In the basement, which extends to the line of the street, will be located the heating and lighting plant, boiler-room, engines, dynamos, coal-bins, etc. There will also be a well lighted storage basement for each store.

The plans of the building are by Ball & Dabney, who will superintend the construction.

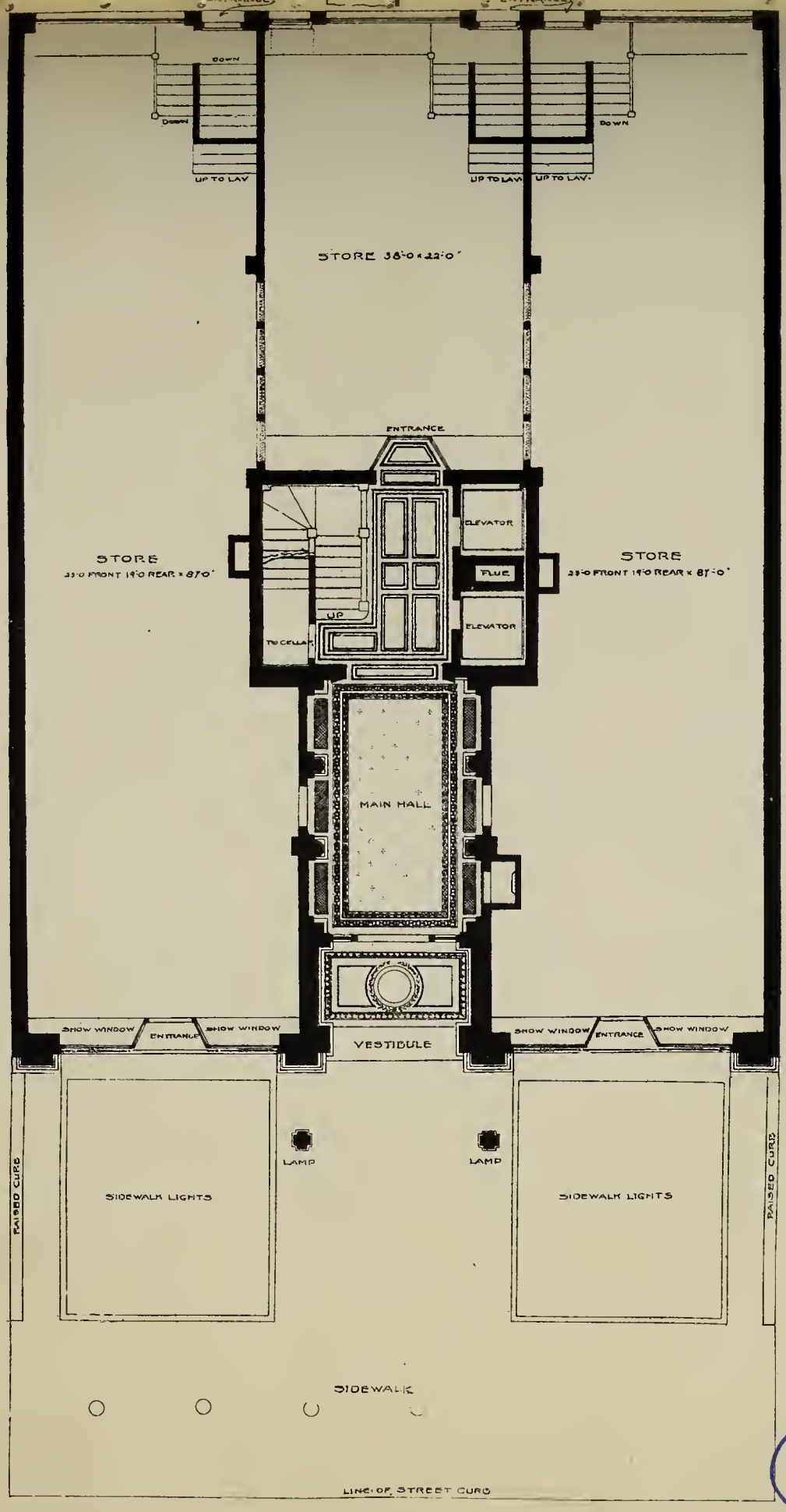
The building will be absolutely first-class in every particular, it being the intention to offer to the medical profession an opportunity to secure offices which combine advantages not to be obtained elsewhere. The enterprise has been cordially endorsed by representative members of the profession.

The Warren Chambers are centrally located and easy of access; the completion of the Subway will give rapid transit to the Union Station, while cars from Columbus and Huntington Avenues, Brookline, Brighton, Cambridge and the entire Back Bay district must pass the building both going and returning, as all cars through the Subway will enter and leave Boylston Street at this block.

The building is being erected by a syndicate represented by Francis Peabody, Jr., Alfred Bowditch and Emor H. Harding. Their legal title is the "Trustees of the Warren Chambers."

The agents of the Trustees for the leasing and management of the building are John B. Thomas and Edwin Read, to whom all applications for prices and other information should be made. Plans of the building are now ready and may be seen at their office, 47 International Trust Building, 45 Milk Street, Boston.

The building is to be completed about January 1, 1897.



PLAN OF FIRST FLOOR

PLATE A.

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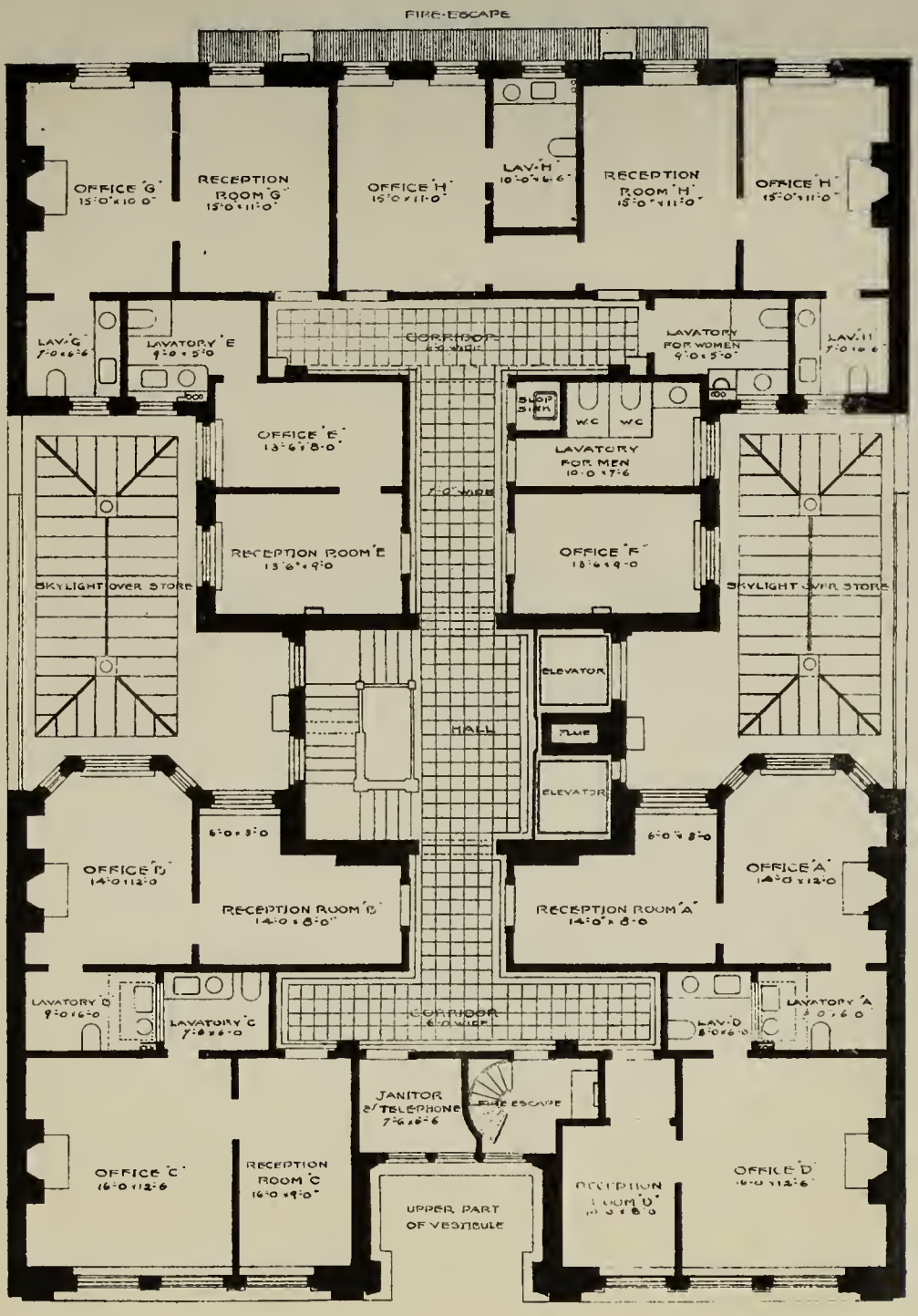

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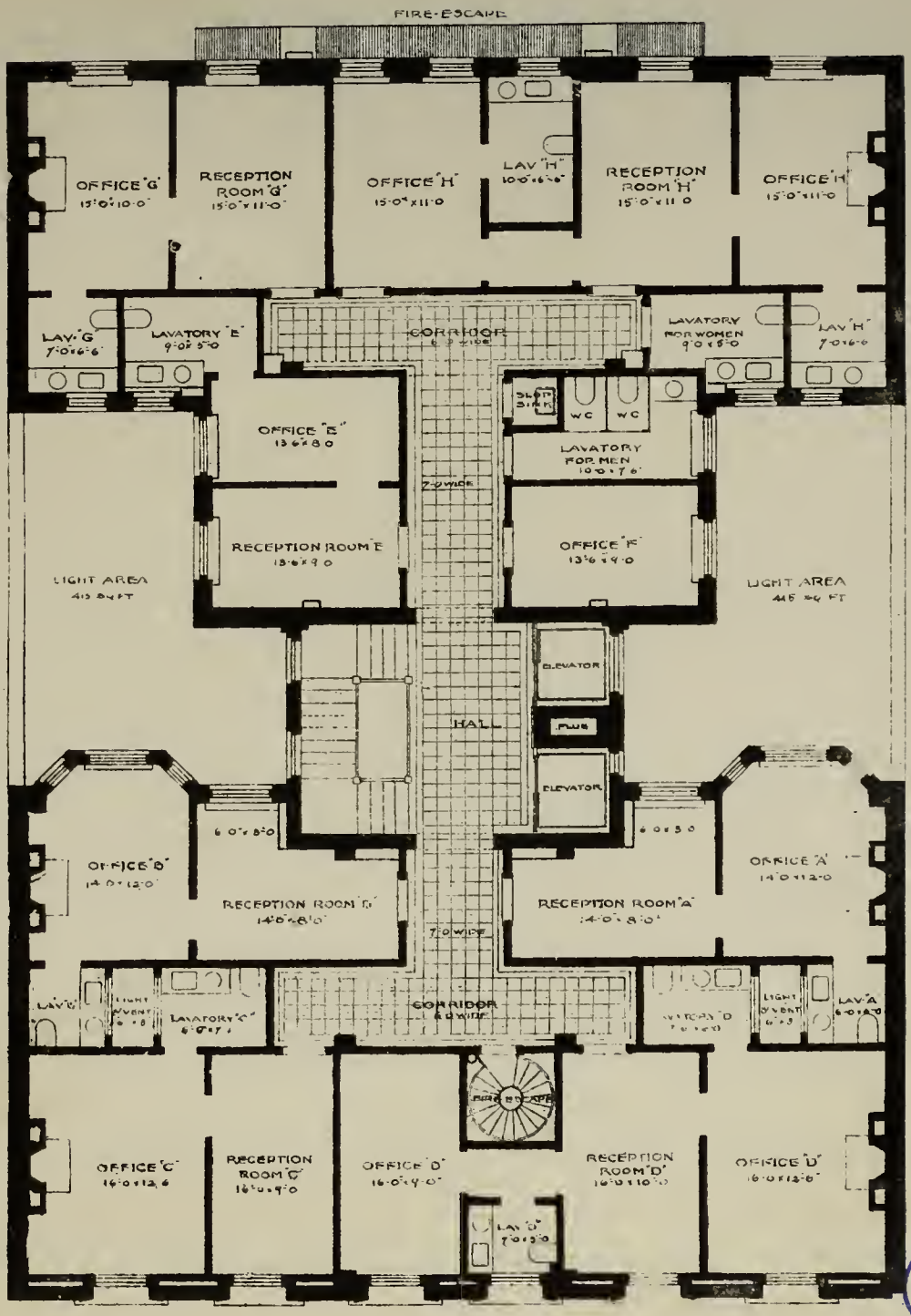
PLAN OF SECOND FLOOR

PLATE B.



PLAN OF 5TH & 7TH FLOORS

PLATE C.

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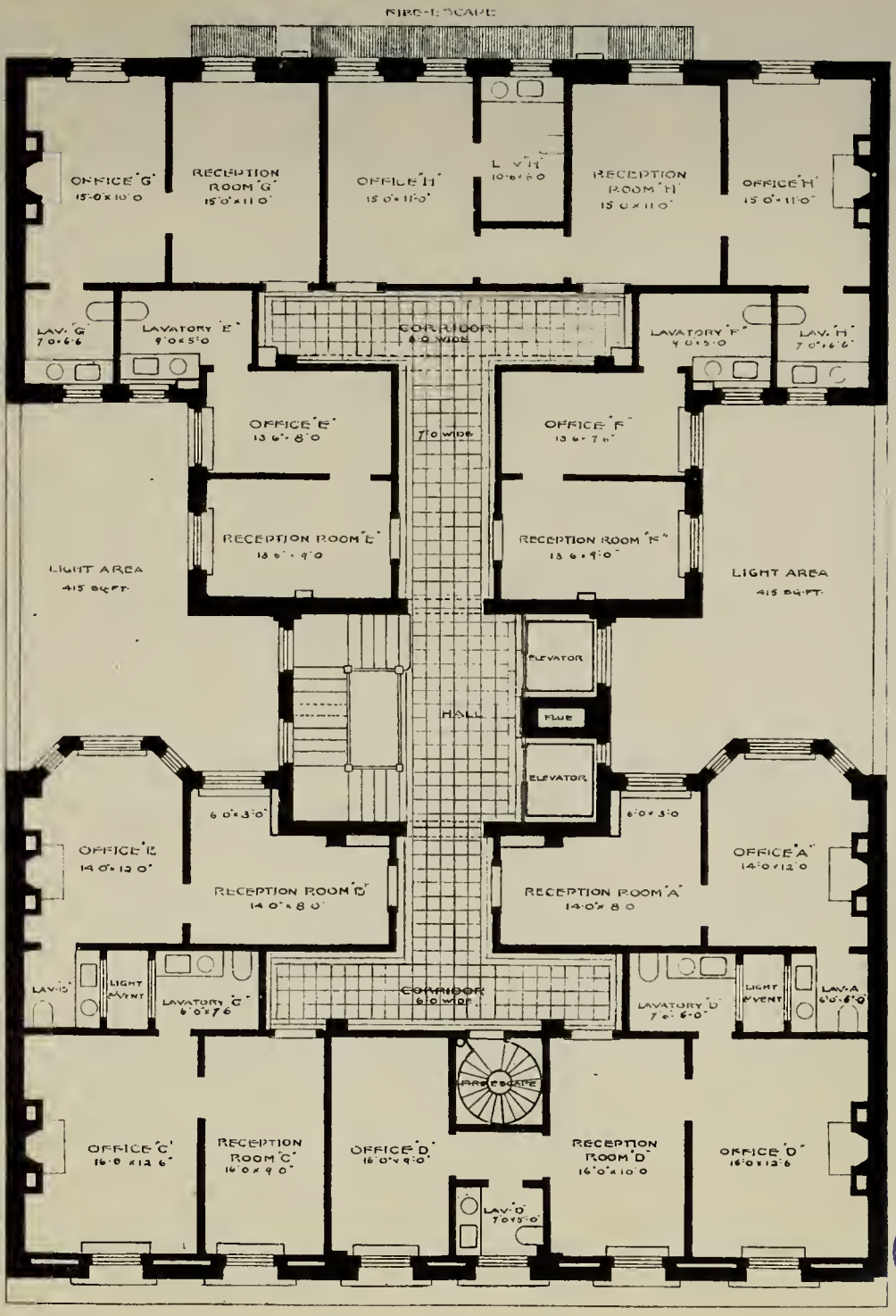

PLAN OF 3RD, 4TH, 6TH, & 8TH FLOORS

PLATE D.

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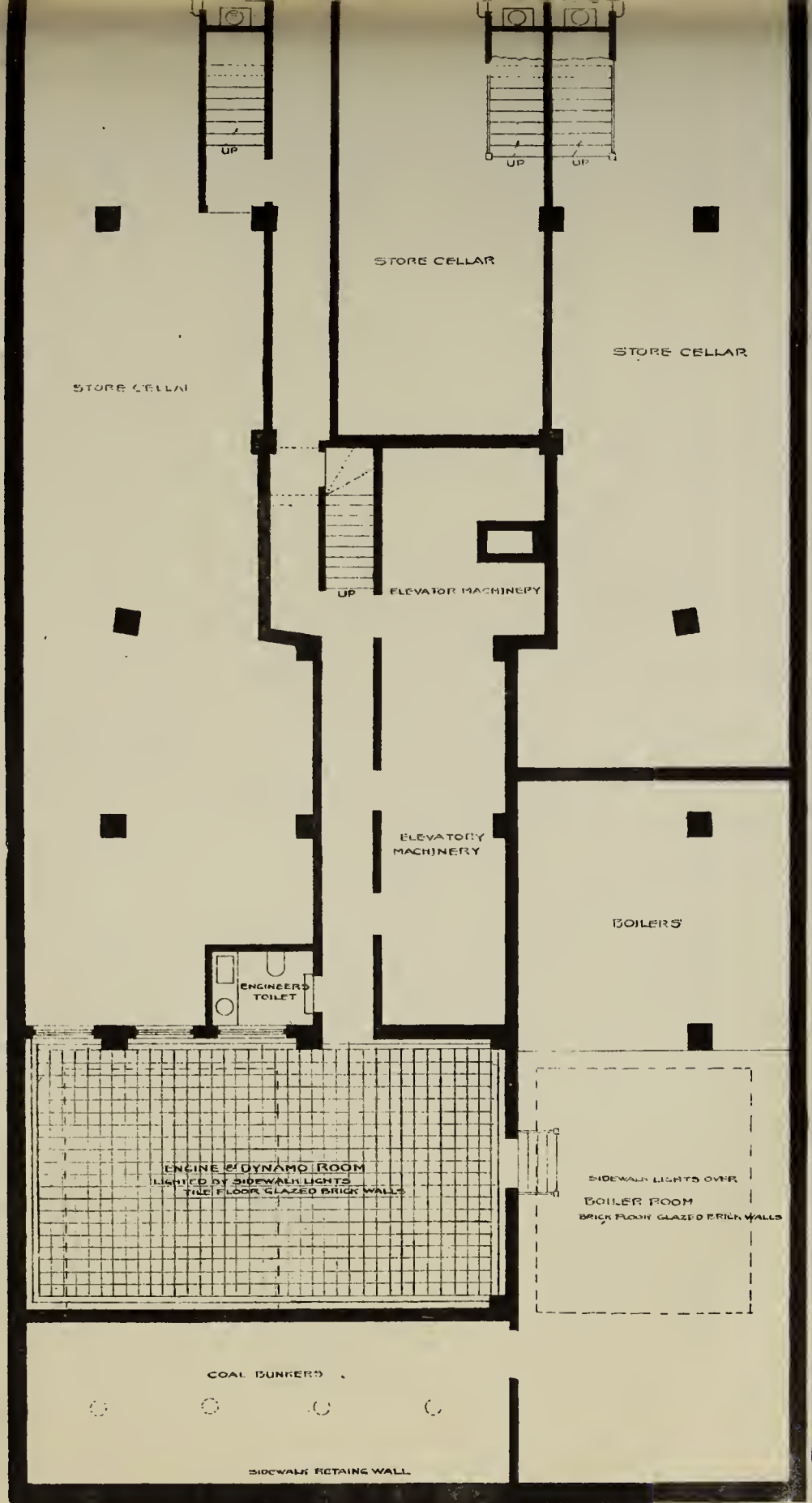

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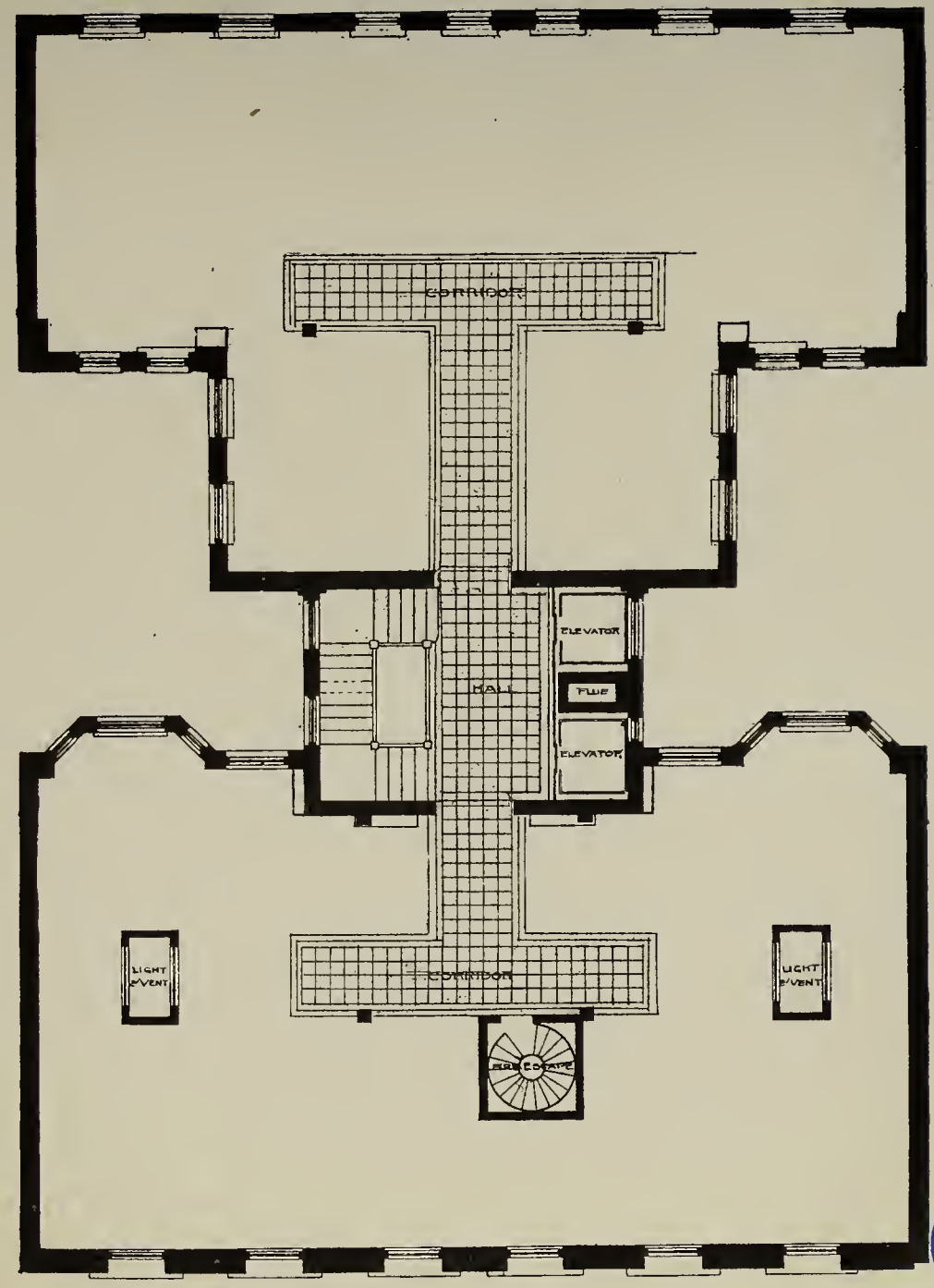
PLAN OF BASEMENT

PLATE G.



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PLAN OF 3RD, 4TH, 6TH, & 8TH FLOORS WITHOUT SUBDIVISIONS

PLATE F.

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